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C O N F I D E N T I A L PHNOM PENH 12829

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: ENRG, CB

SUBJ: ESSO PULLOUT FROM CAMBODIA

REF: PHNOM PENH 12783 201053Z NOV 73

1. ANNOUNCEMENT BY ESSO RESIDENT MANAGER FRED KROLL OF PLANS TO PULL OUT (REFTEL) COULDN'T COME AT A WORSE MOMENT. WITH THE KHMER UNCERTAIN OF SURVIVING THE UNGA VOTE, THE GKR WILL TAKE ESSO'S ACTION AS ANOTHER PULL AWAY OF FORMER FRIENDS. AND WITH THE DIFFICULT SUPPLY POSITION DEVELOPING, ESSO IS LEAVING AT A TIME WHEN CAMBODIA NEEDS IT MOST.

2. REQUEST YOU CONTACT EXXON TO ASK THEM TO SUSPEND THEIR ACTION FOR SEVERAL YEARS. ALTHOUGH EXXON MAY NOT BE GETTING THE RETURN IT WISHES FROM THE OPERATION HERE, AND MAY CONSIDER THE VOLUME INVOLVED TOO SMALL TO BE OF INTEREST, ESSO CAMBODIA IS STILL MAKING MONEY AND STILL TRANSFERRING SOME PROFITS. IT WOULD BE A SIGNIFICANT CUTBACK IN THE AMERICAN PRESENCE IN PHNOM PENH IF ESSO CAMBODIA WERE TO WIND UP. THE TIDYING UP EXERCISE THAT EXXON APPEARS TO HAVE IN MIND IS VERY UNTIMELY AND COULD APPROPRIATELY BE POSTPONED WITHOUT  
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ANY SIGNIFICANT SACRIFICE OF THE COMPANY'S INTEREST.

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